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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: GOI PROTEST ON US REPORT

REF: TEHRAN 1604

1. IN FEBRUARY 15 CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SOBER, IRANIAN EMBASSY ACTING DCM HOMAYOUN STATED HE WAS
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROTEST FIRST SENTENCE IN SECTION 1.
C. OF JANUARY 31 REPORT TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN
IRAN: "CASES OF ARBITRARY ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT HAVE
OCCURRED." HOMAYOUN SAID PROTEST BASED ON GOI VIEW THAT
SUBJECT OF THIS SENTENCE IS NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF
STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT IS RATHER AN INTERNAL IRANIAN
MATTER ENTIRELY WITHIN COMPETENCE OF GOI.

2. SOBER NOTED SENTENCE WAS IN PAST TENSE AND ASKED
WHETHER HOMAYOUN WAS ALSO PROTESTING SUBSTANCE OF
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SENTENCE. HOMAYOUN REPLIED IRANIANS BELIEVE SENTENCE
INACCURATE, BUT PROTEST BASED ON ABOVE POINTS.

3. SOBER SUGGESTED THAT AT SOMETIME DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE
ASKED BY CONGRESS OR OTHERS WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY
PROTESTS ON COUNTRY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS. HE ASKED

WHETHER GOI PREFERRED THAT THIS PROTEST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT FINAL DECISION ON HOW TO ANSWER SUCH A QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE OURS AND WOULD BE MADE ON BASIS OUR EXCEPTIONALLY BROAD RELATIONS WITH IRAN. HOMAYOUN SAID HE NOT SURE OF IRANIAN PREFERENCE, BUT AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI WOULD REPLY LATER.

4. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, SOBER POINTED OUT THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD SPENT MANY HOURS ON IRAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS, PERHAPS MORE THAN FOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY REPORT, AND EVERY EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO BE FAIR AND ACCURATE. VANCE

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